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MET/FRET BASED METHOD OF TARGET NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION

WHEREBY THE DONOR/ACCEPTOR MOIETIES ARE ON

COMPLEMENTARY STRANDS

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MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office communication dated 05/05/2008, Applicants submit herewith the following remarks:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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